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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
WOOD ELEMENTS FOR MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS, WOOD ELEMENTS FOR
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OBTAINED
THEREBY, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
THEREWITH

Examiner: M. L. Dixon

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006, rejecting claims 1-13,
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.